



GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
A B S T R A C T

Public Services – Treasuries & Accounts Department – Adilabad District – Criminal and Disciplinary Proceedings against Late Sri Mustaq Ahmed, Accounts Officer(Retd.), District Treasury, Adilabad District for payment of pension & gratuity against fake & forged defense PPO without verifying specimen signatures of the pension sanctioning authority – Misappropriation of Govt. funds for Rs.1,98,084/- at the Had quarter Sub Treasury, Adilabad – Late Sri Mustaq Ahmed, Accounts Officer (Retd.), District Treasury, Adilabad District expired on 26-04-2013 – Further action abated under Sub Rule 7(a) under Rule 9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980 – Orders – Issued.

FINANCE(ADMN.I)DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 1114

Dt:10-11-2014

Read the following:

- 1.RJD Charge Memo.No.A3/2339/99-5, dt.25.07.1999.
- 2.G.O.Rt.No.1079, Fin. & Plg. (FW.Admn.I) Dept., 19.06.2000.
- 3.Govt.Memo.No.47684/261/A2/Admn.I/99, dt.13-09-2000.
4. Inquiry report of Sri D.Tavudu, RJD, T&A , Region- I
Visakhapatnam vide Lr.No.A1/604/99, dt.22.12.2000.
- 5.Memo.No.13529-A/126/A2/Admn.I-Vig./01-02, dt.17-12-2003.
- 6.Explanation of Sri Mustq Ahmed, Accounts Officer(Retd.) Dist. Treasury,
Adilabad.
dt.14-02-2004.
7. G.O.Rt.No.3442, Fin. (Admn.I.Vig.) Dept., dt.22.09.2009.
- 8.Lr.No.K(II)6/13536/1999, dt.15-01-2014 of Director of Treasuries &
Accounts, A.P., Hyderabad along with the application of
Kum.Nasrathunnisa Begum, D/o Late Sri Mustaq Ahmed, AO(Retd.).

ORDER:

The fake Pension Payment Orders of Defence Pensions were received by the Treasury Department in Visakhapatnam, Guntur, Cuddapah, Adilabad, Nizamabad, Medak, Mahaboobnagar and Nalgonda Districts and an amount of Rs.37,18,910/- was fraudulently drawn by the bogus military pensioners. In Adilabad District, the imposters have created fake Pension Payment Orders of Military pensioners on the fake pension payment and paid Rs.1,98,084/- due to non verification of the specimen signatures before making payments by the treasury personnel at District Treasury & Sub Treasury, Adilabad. Disciplinary proceedings were initiated against the following Treasury personnel who were involved in the case of payment of amount on fake Pension Payment Orders in the Adilabad District.

- 1.Sri K.Brahamaiah, DTO(Retd.)
- 2.Sri Gangadhar, STO(Retd.)
3. Sri Gulam Ahamad, STO(Retd.)
- 4.Sri Vijayakumar, SA(Retd.)
5. Sri Mustaq Ahamad, ATO(Retd.)

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2. In the reference 1st read above, the Regional Joint Director, Treasuries and Accounts Department, Region-III, Hyderabad initiated disciplinary action against Late Sri Mustaq Ahamad, Accounts Officer(Retd.) along with other Treasury personnel, who were involved in the case of payment of amount on fake Defence PPOs.

3. Government issued orders for regular inquiry under A.P.C.S.(CC & A) Rules 1991 vide reference 2nd read above by appointing Sri D.Tavudu, Regional Joint Director, T &A, Regional-I, Visakhapatnam and Sri G.Veeranna, Regional Joint Director, Region -III, Hyderabad as Presenting Officer.

4. Besides disciplinary action, Govt. the reference 3rd read above have issued orders to entrust the case to CBCID for further investigation. The CID has taken up investigation in (8) districts and filed charge sheets in the concerned courts. The CID has also filed charge sheet against Sri.Mustaq Ahmed, AO(Retd.). In Cr.No.91/99 u/s 419, 420, 465, 468, 471, 477-A, 409, 109 IPC R/W 120(B) & SEC.13(1) (D) of P.C.Act, 1988 of Police Station Twon-II, Adilabad and the trail is pending in the court of IV Prl. Spl. Judge for SPE & ACB cases court at Hyderabad.

5. The following Articles of charge was framed against Late Mustaq Ahmed, AO(Retd.) District Treasury, Adilabad vide reference 1st read above.

CHARGE-I

6. That the said Sri Mustaq Ahmed, Assistant Treasury Officer, District Treasury, Adilabad during the period 12/1998 has forwarded the P.P.Os to the Head quarters Sub Treasury Adilabad without proper scrutiny of the genuiness of the P.P.Os and without verifying the specimen signatures of the P.P.O issuing authority / sanctioning authority which has resulted for fraudulent drawal on the Fake Military Pension order for payment.

Defence statement of Charged Officer:

7. Sri Mustaq Ahmed the charged officer has stated that though he forwarding the two fake P.P.Os, no payment was charged on them and hence there was no financial commitment.As was entrusted with other important subject, it is not possible for him to verify the details at his level. Both the Senior Accountant and Sub Treasury Officer have to verify the genuineness of the P.P.Os before putup them for his approval.He stated that he has approved the draft letters without doubting the bonafies of theP.P.Os and there was no molafide intension.

FINDINGS OF THE ENQUIRY OFFICER:

8. The charged officer denied the charge leveled against him stating that, it is the duty of the Senior Accountant and the Sub Treasury Officer dealing with the pension subject to examine the genuineness of the P.P.Os. Being the Assistant Treasury Officer looking after various subjects of the departments, it is difficult and not possible for him to apply for detailed checks at his level. Moreover he forwarded the following two PPOs

1.Sri Bemod Singh S/012585/98.

2.Sri Sohan Das S/012861/98.

But on the above two PPOs, no payment was made. Hence he is not responsible for any financial loss for Government.

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9. The charged officer has stated that it is difficult for him being the Assistant Treasury Officer of the District Treasury to take care of every minute check whether the checks made by the concerned section. Moreover it is stated by him that the draft letter on which he appended his signature for the two P.P.Os said to be forged are not acted upon for arranging payment. As such the payments were not made on the two P.P.Os signed by him and there is no involvement of financial loss to government. Hence the charge is held not proved.

10. On the basis of documentary and oral evidence adduced in the case before the Inquiry Officer and in views of the reasons given above taking into consideration, the opinion of the Presenting Officer, expressed in his written brief that **the charge against Sri Mustaq Ahmed, Assistant Treasury Officer, District Treasury, Adilabad is not proved.**

11. Consequent on retirement of Sri Mustaq Ahmed, Accounts Officer(Retd.) on 31-03-2001, the Director of Treasuries and Accounts has forwarded the case to the Government for taking action against him under Rule 9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

12. Government, after careful examination of the report of Enquiry Officer with reference to the charge framed against Sri Mustaq Ahmed ATO(Retd.), has not agreed with the findings of the Inquiry Officer and concluded that the charge framed against the delinquent are held not proved and issued a show-cause notice along with Enquiry Report vide Memo 5th read above, to submit his explanation as to why a punishment of withholding of pensionary benefits should not be imposed on him under Rule 9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

13. The Charged Officer, Sri Mustaq Ahmed ATO(Retd.), in his explanation vide reference 6th read above, has stated that while working as Asst. Treasury Officer, District Treasury, Adilabad during the period from 12/98 to 1/99 has forwarded the Military Pension P.P.Os to the Head Quarters Sub Treasury, Adilabad without proper scrutiny of the genuiness of the P.P.Os and without verifying the specimen signature of the P.P.O. issuing authority / sanctioned authority which would have been resulted in fraudulent drawal, if the fake Military pensioner could appeared for payment.

14. In this connection, he is denying the total charges levelled against him. It is the duty of Senior Accountant(Pensions), Sub Treasury officer who is dealing with the P.F. on Pensions), Sub Treasury Officer who is dealing with the P.P.Os Pension subject to examine before put up the P.P.Os to Asst. Treasury Officer.

- (i) Whether the P.P.O is received to the District Treasury Officer, through authorised channel.
- (ii) Whether the P.P.O. is marked Original(PDA copy)
- (iii) Whether the P.P.O is having ink signed.
- (iv) whether the specimen signature has tallied with the specimen circulated by CCDA(P) Allahabad.
- (v) Whether the P.P.O. is generated on computer and having rubber stamp of the officer with code No.
- (vi) To confirm whether the P.P.O. is having uncoloured seal(enbosred)
- (vii) whether it should be despatched by local delivery.
- (viii) To verify whether the Rubber stamp of the officer concerned with his name and code number is affixed on the P.P.O.

15. However he thought that both the S.A./S.T.O. might have verified the above facts. Hence he has signed the P.P.O. and forwarded to the S.T.O. Hqrs. Adilabad. But the payment was not made by the Sub Treasury Officer, Head Quarters, Adilabad. Therefore no monetary loss was occurred to Govt. except procedural lapses committed by him and therefore requested to drop the charge against him as the Charge is **held not proved**.

16. In the reference 7th read above, Govt. have ordered to release the DCRG in respect of those who have retired from service and those who have expired duly withholding the amount of loss that occurred to the Government exchequer on account of the alleged action of the charged officers, which as apportioned by DTA against each charged officer without prejudice to the departmental proceedings and criminal proceedings pending against them.

17. As the matter stood, in the reference 8th read above, the Director of Treasuries and Accounts has stated that the Accounts Officer, O/o the Commissioner of Industries through his Lr.No.D3/4/1301, dt.11-11-2013 has forwarded a representation of Kum.Nasrathunnisa Begum, D/o Late Sri.Mustaq Ahmed, Accounts Officer(Retd.),wherein she has informed that her father Sri.Mustaq Ahmed, AO(Retd.), who was involved in the fraudulent drawal of Military Pensions on fake PPOs in Adilabad District had expired on 26-04-2013 and her mother Smt.Noorunnisa Begum was also pre-deceased him on 22-11-2007. She has also requested to abate the disciplinary proceedings against her father and to arrange for release of full pensionary benefits including with held gratuity of Rs.39,617/-.

18. Further, the DTA has stated that against the total amount of Rs.1,98,084/- fraudulently drawn in Adilabad District based on fake military PPOs, an amount of Rs.39,617/- has been apportioned in respect of Late Sri Mustaq Ahmed, the then ATO, District Treasury, Adilabad and A.O.(Retd.). AG, AP, Hyderabad has also sanctioned the entire DCRG to the above charged officer, duly withholding the apportioned amount of Rs.39,617/-. Hence the DTA has requested to issue the abatement orders on the further departmental proceedings in respect of Late Sri Mustaq Ahmed, the then ATO, District Treasury, Adilabad and Accounts Officer(Retd.).

19. Government, after careful consideration of the matter, hereby abates further action in Criminal and the Disciplinary Proceedings initiated against Late Sri.Mustaq Ahmed, the then Assistant Treasury Officer, District Treasury, Adilabad and Accounts Officer(Retd.) under sub Rule 7 (a) under Rule 9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980, as he has expired on 26-04-2013, subject to withholding the apportioned amount of loss of Rs.39,617/- from the DCRG of the deceased Charged Officer.

20. The Director of Treasuries and Accounts(I/c), Telangana, Hyderabad shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNER OF TELANGANA)

K. RAMAKRISHNA RAO
SPL. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT(IF)

To

Kum.Nasrathunnisa Begum, D/o Late Sri.Mustaq Ahmed, the then Asst. Treasury Officer, O/o District Treasury, Adilabad and Accounts Officer(Retd.) through the Director of Treasuries and Accounts, Telangana, Hyderabad.

The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, Telangana(I/c), Hyderabad

The Addl.Director General, CID, A.P., Hyderabad.

Copy to :

The Accountant General (A&E), A.P., Hyderabad.

The Deputy Director, District Treasury, Nalgonda.

The Secretary, Telangana Vigilance Commission, Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad.

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SECTION OFFICER